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Subject: Situation in Vienna

Earlier today – there was TV coverage on the local Fox channel that covers Vienna – link pasted below. In the coverage they say...“The levels of C8 in Vienna's water may now be too dangerous to drink.” According to the state communications person, this has resulted in a panic of some sort in Vienna, whereby retailers such as Sam’s were sold out of water in minutes. As a result, the Bureau for Public Health has issued a “Do Not Consume Water Alert” and as a result, the national guard is bringing in 6 tankers of water into Vienna on a daily basis. These tankers will be carrying 70,000 gallons of water – which they have estimated will be given to 14,000 residents. We have heard that the levels in Vienna are as high as .099 ppb, .75 ppb, and .129 ppb -- the last level at their water plant. The State Journal is covering the story and we are awaiting the actual advisory which will be sent to us by our contact, as soon as she receives it. In addition, the Mayor of Vienna is scheduled to appear on the TV station mentioned above at 6 PM.

Below is the statement or advisory we just rec’d...

This is the statement approved by the DHHR’s BPH and the West Virginia Governor’s Office communications teams:

The Bureau for Public Health has reviewed the information regarding PFOA and PFOS that the U.S. EPA released today in a lifetime drinking water health advisory and continues to closely monitor the situation. BPH is working with the town of Vienna to implement appropriate precautions, which will include a Do Not Drink advisory until additional testing and evaluation takes place. The Department of Health and Human Resources and the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety will assist those affected by the EPA’s advisory, and the state will assist in securing installation of new filters.

Two other public water systems in West Virginia, located in Parkersburg and Martinsburg, were also affected by the new EPA thresholds. They have taken immediate action by using an additional source to provide water.

WTAP – TV Coverage <http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Elevated-C8-levels-found-in-Vienna-water-368567241.html>

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